

CTTAB

August 10, 2004 Minutes

**Rainier Beach Community Center
8825 Rainier Avenue S.**

Board Members Present

Todd Achilles
Bill Baron
Maryann Budlong
Deborah Gartside
Damien Koemans
Huat Chye Lim
Manny Ovena
Nina Sanders
Jeff Techico
Ken Thompson

Guests

Anita Adams
Jesse Mar Chun
Ken Meyer
Young Phom

Excused

Pwint Htun
Harriet Wasserman

Absent

Jason Bennett
Ann Robinson
Richard Salway

Staff

Delia Burke
David Keyes
Jill Novik
Tony Perez
Bill Schrier

1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The agenda was amended for the presentation from the technology lab staff to precede the CTO report. July minutes were approved as amended.

The next CTTAB meeting will be on September **21** instead of the regularly scheduled meeting on the 14th. Those members who have not responded to the query about the retreat for October 12 are urged to contact Jill as soon as possible.

2. Presentation: Community Technology Lab Anita Adams and Young Phom

Adams discussed the lab, whom it serves, hours and programs. She noted issues they have, including exceedingly warm temperatures in the lab, and on-going funding challenges. The lab is a complex collaboration with the Seattle School District, Department of Parks and Recreation, and DoIT. The lab has four or five different programs, serving teens, adults, and children. The Center also has a program in which interns fix computers.

3. Chief Technology Officer Report: Bill Schrier See attached. Additional information includes: Telecommunications Task Force: The timetable has been moved back, and the task force will not meet before September. It will likely start with a one day brainstorming session and follow a more regular schedule after that. The task force will be charged with establishing a vision and providing direction for more in-depth research. Membership should be finalized within the next two to three weeks; interested CTTAB members should send Schrier their resume by August 17. The City is looking at establishing Wi-Fi in City Hall and in the downtown to invigorate local parks. The City is also looking at Wi-Fi or Broadband over Power Line for automated meter reading in the South Lake Union area.

4. Open Forum

Maryann raised the issue of retreat planning. Jeff, Maryann, and Deborah volunteered to form an ad hoc committee to work with Jill and Tony on the agenda.

Cell phones to seniors distribution: Deborah said that she has gotten a contact and will provide more information at the next meeting. She asked Keyes to follow up with his offer to pursue his contacts in senior programs.

5. Committee Reports:

Community Technology: David Keyes

Keyes commented on the Jack Straw TMF opening on August 5, noting that CTTAB members Koemans and Gartside had attended. Deborah and Damien said that the program appeared to be very successful and that their presence was much appreciated. Committee members have been assigned to visit meetings of the other TMF recipients. Keyes also noted that he had met with people from the Westlake Wi-Fi program, which will be starting training for its downtown ambassadors.

Emerging Technology: did not meet this month. The committee will try to finalize the Wi-Fi project for the task force and will work with Schrier on the most appropriate format.

6 Cable Office Report: Tony reported that the Office is wrapping up the needs assessment and staff will write the needs assessment report. Jonathan Kramer, the technical consultant, will be in Seattle the weeks of August 23 and 30th to conduct the survey of the cable plant and signal quality. CTTAB members who are interested in riding with the consultant or possibly visiting the headend should let Tony or Jill know. Members were also asked to let us know if they know of problems with either the plant or signal quality. A draft of Kramer's report will likely be available in September or October.

7. Facility Tour

8. Adjourn: The business portion of meeting adjourned to the tech lab at 7:36.

CTO Attachment:

SEATTLE.GOV REDESIGN

- Redesigned City Website (www.seattle.gov) Publicity. The look, feel and operation of the City's website were significantly improved on May 29, 2004. The improvements have been demonstrated to this Committee. We've designed a publicity campaign to further insure

constituents know how they can use the website 24 hours a day to obtain information and use City services. The material emphasizes web pages which may be of particular interest to underserved communities. These posters and flyers will be distributed throughout the City, to schools, libraries and community centers.

MAYOR'S RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (RSJ) INITIATIVE

- We are pleased to welcome our summer interns. The internships are part of our RSJ strategy. From the Technology Access Foundation we have Michael Chang (Garfield HS) working with the Community Technology Program, Henry Ho (Garfield HS) working with the Data Center, and Michael Shi (Roosevelt HS) working with Technical Support Services' Service Desk. Chris Vincent (CA Polytechnic State University) also is working with the Service Desk. Ismail Adem (UW) will work in integration technology and applications. We expect another TAF intern, Gardenia Vivas (Franklin HS) to begin shortly with the Community Technology Program.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

- We've signed a contract with Cocker-Fennessy to facilitate and manage the Task Force on Telecommunications Innovation created by Council Resolution 30684. Anne Fennessy will be the principal involved in this work.

OF NOTE

- DoIT's 2003 Annual Report is posted at www.seattle.gov/doi/DoIT_Annual_Report.pdf.
- According to a recent article in the San Jose Mercury News about that city's new city hall, San Jose spent \$25,166 per employee for furniture and technology in the new building, compared to \$18,666 in Austin and \$5,280 in Seattle. We provided modern technology and good value for our employees while being prudent with the public's money.....something to be proud of.